



LIFELINE

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Wildwood, FL pro-life news

March 25, 2007 The Annunciation: A Day to Celebrate Life

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Saint Vincent de Paul's Respect Life Group: Apr 19, 7 pm

Email ProLifeSVdP@earthlink.com or call us at (352) 753-5201



Upcoming Events:

- **Parish Respect Life Group — Next Meeting Apr. 19, 7 pm. Parish Hall.**
- **Baby showers are now being planned to benefit women who are being helped at two crisis pregnancy centers: Alpha Center in Ocala and Hands of Mercy Everywhere (HOME) in Belleview. New and "gently used" items are welcome. Urgent needs: diapers (newborn,**

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THIS MONTH'S FOCUS: DR. BERNARD NATHANSON — From NARAL Founder and Abortionist to pro-life advocate

Bernard Nathanson, a medical doctor from New York City, co-founded NARAL, America's chief abortion lobby. He became its first President in 1969. He believed at the time that he'd be helping women by lobbying to legalize all abortions and, in less than four years, *Roe v. Wade* made his frightening plan a reality. He went on to make millions by franchising abortion centers, overseeing 75,000 abortions. One that he performed himself was that of his own child.

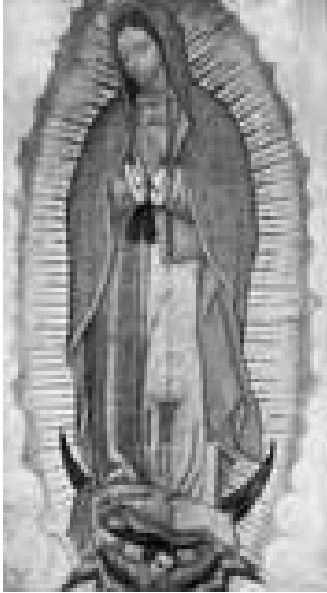
But when Nathanson saw an ultra-sound of an aborted fetus grasping for life, he knew that each "tissue" that he had removed was an innocent human being. Though he was an atheist, he was proud of his Jewish heritage and now realized that he would bear responsibility for the killing of many more innocent human beings than Adolf Hitler did! Hitler was responsible for the horrifying deaths of 11 million innocent people, including 6.5 million Jews. Nathanson, because of his efforts in legalizing abortion throughout the USA, has facilitated the killing of 45 million innocent lives.

As the seventies ended, the realization of what he had done devastated him. Abandoning his abortion wealth, he became a prominent pro-life speaker, even though he was still an atheist. Yet, still tormented by guilt, he attempted suicide — but failed. Finally, a prolonged search for truth led him, in 1996, to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Today, he knows the Lord's love and forgiveness. Besides counseling women against abortions, he is also successful in helping women and men know that the Lord can free them from their own post-abortion bondage.

FLORIDA, CENTRAL FL. ABORTIONS INCREASING

Based on annual statistics, the number of abortions has risen steadily both throughout Florida and in the nine counties within the Orlando diocese, in each of the four most recently reported years from 2002 to 2005. The Florida total for 2005 was 92,513 — up from 87,964 in 2002. The total in our diocesan area rose from 14,134 to 15,764 — with more than half in Orange County. The Center for Disease Control reports decreasing abortion numbers nationally, though these CDC numbers do not include abortions performed in doctors' offices or chemical abortions, including RU-486.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe
Patroness of the Americas
Patroness of Pro-Life Movement

**IT WAS 12 YEARS AGO
TODAY, MARCH 25, 1995,
THAT POPE JOHN PAUL II
ISSUED THE GOSPEL OF LIFE
TO COUNTER THE CULTURE
OF DEATH**

**WE HELP WOMEN CHOOSE
LIFE — CONTACT US**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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3,4,5 (not size 1), sleepers and onesies (6 mo. To 2T), baby wipes, all toiletries (shampoos, lotions, etc), socks and booties, baby bottles (4oz and 8 oz), receiving blankets, diaper bags, toddler car seats. Items will be collected at St. Timothy's Church on Tuesday, April 3 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 noon. Volunteers will be in the north

cart parking) to receive items. Call Barbara Stewart at (352) 753-6376 for more details.

- Stem Cell seminar: — Resurrection Church in Winter Garden, 4/16 at 7:30 pm . Call (407) 877-0475 for more information. Want a seminar in our area? Email us to say you'll help make that happen!
- Living Will seminars: — See article above.

LIVING WILLS — AND THE BETTER WAY

Most Catholics know that they needn't undergo every possible medical procedure if it would just prolong their dying process. Some have living wills to prevent just that. But could your living will require doctors to starve or dehydrate you, simply to *cause your death*? Might a court use it to compel that result, *even when your doctor and family object*? We aren't alarmists, but the answers could very well be yes.

To answer questions like these, the Orlando Diocese is holding seminars on living wills. The grave moral questions about living wills can usually be avoided entirely — while still addressing the legitimate desire to avoid excessive medical treatment — by using a different approach: namely, a durable proxy (also known as an “advance directive with a durable power of attorney” or “health care proxy”).

To answer all questions, the Orlando Diocese is offering free seminars by a panel of a physician, attorney and priest: St. Augustine Church, Casselberry: March 10, 9 AM to noon Call (407) 246-4819 for more details. Our Lady of the Lakes, Deltona: May 5, 9 AM to noon. Details? Call (386) 574-3719.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY: Help us to bring a living will seminar to our area! Email ProLifeSVdP@earthlink.net to let us know you'll help to make that happen.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

All human life is sacred because it comes from God, who gave men and women immortal souls. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains at 2267, governments may use the death penalty in cases of absolute necessity if there is no other practical way to defend human lives effectively against an aggressor, but such reasons are “practically non-existent” today because states have other means available “to effectively repress crime by rendering inoffensive the one who has committed it.”